

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint under s 74 of The Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 against **HEMI WHAANGA**

DECISION

- [1] Police have filed a complaint against Hemi Whaanga as on 21 February he was convicted of theft. This conviction is grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act. The offending occurred while Mr Whaanga was working as a security guard and therefore also amounts to misconduct. Being convicted of a disqualifying offence is a mandatory ground for cancellation of Mr Whaanga's certificate of approval (COA) under s 82 of the Act.
- [2] Mr Whaanga was directed to file a response to the complaint and apply for waiver of the grounds for disqualification under s 64 of the Act. He has not done so.
- [3] An audio-visual hearing was held today to hear the complaint. Mr Whaanga was advised that he must attend the hearing if he wished to defend the complaint. The Police attended however Mr Whaanga did not. The Police advise that Mr Whaanga pleaded not guilty to the charge however was found guilty by the Court.
- [4] As the theft occurred whilst Mr Whaanga was working, I am satisfied that Mr Whaanga is guilty of misconduct. Further, as Mr Whaanga has been convicted of a disqualifying offence, namely theft, I must cancel his COA. As I understand he is no longer working in security, I direct that his COA is cancelled effective immediately. Mr Whaanga must return his identification badge to the Authority immediately.
- [5] A copy of the decision is to be sent to both parties, and Mr Whaanga's previous employer, and published on the Licensing Authority's website.

DATED at Wellington this 21st day of March 2023



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Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority